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**HB 5438 AN ACT CONCERNING UNFUNDED MANDATES ON SCHOOLS AND MUNICIPALITIES**

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education supports HB 5438 AN ACT CONCERNING UNFUNDED MANDATES ON SCHOOLS AND MUNICIPALITIES.

CABE was asked this past summer to work on the Governor's Red Tape task force. As the work began, we were pleased to hear the Commissioner of Education say he was committed to cutting reporting requirements by 1/3. We have seen some evidence that he has started his efforts but we believe he will only be effective if he works with the legislature.

While CABE supported PA 12-116 An Act Concerning Education Reform, there were parts that we knew would mean very big implementation plans for districts. Please recognize that to best make this historic year of education plan work, we cannot have unfunded mandates draining local funds and staff time.

Also we understand, during this local budget season, that Board of Education members must have room for their own local innovations.

Please-NO unfunded mandates and help us to work on lessening those mandates that districts are now struggling to comply with

We appreciate your attention to this issue.